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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 3124

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IRAN AND THE ICCS

1. DURING A COURTESY CALL DCM PAID ON FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY TAJBAKSH, LATTER MENTIONED THAT HE HAD JUST SEEN THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN AMBASSADORS AND HAD HANDED THEM A NOTE PROTESTING THEIR GOVERNMENTS' LACK OF COOPERATION IN THE ICCS. HE SAID HE TOLD THE AMBASSADORS THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS HAD CONSISTENTLY FRUSTRATED ICCS ATTEMPTS TO DO ON-SITE INSPECTIONS, TO SEND OBSERVORS TO VARIOUS PARTS OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIET NAM AND TO SUPPORT THE ICCS FINANCIALLY. HE SAID THAT HE EMPHASIZED IRAN'S STRICT IMPARTIALITY IN DEALING WITH ANY QUESTION THAT MIGHT COME BEFORE THE ICCS BUT THAT THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN ATTITUDES OF NONCOOPERATION MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSION TO FUNCTION AT ALL, PARTICULARLY SINCE ANY COMMISSION DECISION REQUIRED THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS. HE HINTED AT THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF THESE OBSTRUCTIONIST ATTITUDES PERSISTED, IRAN MIGHT DECIDE TO WITHDRAW

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FROM THE ICCS SINCE IT FELT NO USEFUL PURPOSE COULD BE

SERVED BY ITS CONTINUING ON THE COMMISSION.

2. COMMENT: IT WAS NOT QUITE CLEAR WHETHER TAJBAKHS
HAD MADE THE POINT OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL TO THE POLISH
AND HUNGARIAN AMBASSADORS OR WHETHER HE WAS JUST
MENTIONING IT TO THE DCM FOR HIS OWN BACKGROUND INFORM-
ATION. IN ANY EVENT IT SEEMED QUITE CLEAR THAT THE
GOI IS UNHAPPY AND FRUSTRATED OVER ITS POSITION IN THE
ICCS AND HAS NOW MADE THIS A MATTER OF RECORD. IN
PASSING, TAJBAKHS SAID THAT IRAN HAS NOTICED A
DISTINCT CHANGE IN THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN ATTITUDES
OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS IN CONTRAST TO AN EARLIER
FEELING OF FRIENDLINESS AND COOPERATION. HE WONDERED
WHETHER WE NOTICED THE SAME THING AND WHETHER WE HAD
ANY EXPLANATION FOR THIS APPARENT CHANGE. WE PROMISED
TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND LET HIM KNOW.
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